



# Public Notice

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## **Notice of Automatic Approval and Final Decision to Approve a Class 2 Dangerous Waste Permit Modification to Emerald Services, Inc. of Tacoma, Washington**

### **Background**

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Emerald Services, Inc. - Tacoma Facility (Emerald) is a dangerous waste recycling and storage facility located in the industrial port area of Tacoma at 1825 Alexander Avenue, in Pierce County, Washington. The facility primarily stores dangerous waste to support solvent recycling. The alternative fuels program also blends dangerous waste fuel for burning in permitted industrial boilers located outside of Washington State.

### **Proposal**

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The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received from Emerald an initial modification application dated July 28, 2005, and a revised final proposal for a class 2 permit modification on January 18, 2006. The proposal was to expand the existing containment to make room for a new product tank, and to allow additional types of hazardous waste to be blended into fuel at the facility. The proposal required amendment of specific portions of the permit application, including the Contingency Plan and the Waste Analysis Plan, as well as the permit language issued by Ecology. Emerald's second submittal at Ecology's request included additional information and documentation needed to make the final decision.

### **Automatic Approval**

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Ecology did not render a final decision on the initial modification request before November 28, 2005, 120 days from receipt of the request. Under current regulations the applicant is allowed to implement the modification to the permit as long as they follow the proposal exactly, and the applicant complies with the dangerous waste regulations. According to the timeline, Emerald may proceed with their proposal for 180 days or until Ecology renders a final decision. From November 28, 2005 until today, Emerald has had the automatic approval. Permission to move forward with the modification activities is final with this approval, and the changes to the permit are permanently incorporated for the life of the permit.

March 30, 2006

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# Documents Available

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In addition to this notice, supporting documentation for this action such as:

- Emerald's "Application for Modification to Part B Permit" received on July 28, 2005.
- Amended permit language
- Fact Sheet

may be found by accessing Ecology's website at [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/foia/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/foia/index.html). To review and/or obtain copies of any of these documents please contact Leslie Koziara, Ecology's Records Manager, at the Southwest Regional Office (360) 407-6365, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions regarding this decision or if you want to receive documents in an alternative format, contact Kerry Graber at the Department of Ecology at the above address, by email [kgra461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:kgra461@ecy.wa.gov) or (360) 407-6754 or (711 and (800) 833-6388 TDD).

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